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Mr. Harish Panchal  
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Department of Environmental Protection  
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Dear Harish:

I have briefly reviewed the Site Inspection reports prepared by the State which have outstanding EPA comments (the 15 sites listed in Janet Waldron's March 30, 1990 letter to me). I have also reviewed the previously submitted EPA review comments for these reports and have the following instructions for the State:

Glines & Rhodes, Inc.      Attleborough      MAD052629979

I agree with Mike Nalipinski's assessment of the report. It is not complete, and appears to have been submitted prematurely. Please revise the Draft to include the results of the sampling performed by the State, critical environment information, RCRA status, and conclusions. Do not include a Toxicological/Chemical Characteristics section. Upon receipt of a complete Site Inspection report, this MSCA product will be re-evaluated for acceptance.

Hybripak Inc.      Avon      MAD985276187

I agree with Mike Nalipinski's comments. Please revise the Draft report to include the results of sampling performed by the State, and the RCRA status of the site. Upon receipt of the revised report, I will re-evaluate this MSCA product for acceptance.

Boston Junk      Boston      MAD981068562

Although Mike Nalipinski's review comments raise valid questions regarding the draft SI report, I have determined that this site will not score above the 28.5 HRS cut-off for NPL eligibility, and have qualified this as a NFRAP site (my letter to you dated March 27, 1990). Therefore, no further work should be performed at this site for the MSCA. Do not address Mike's May 10, 1989 review comments. I have entered the SI into CERCLIS as complete. EPA may wish to re-evaluate this site using the revised HRS after it is finalized.

Vitale Site

Beverly

MAD981068273

Please make note of Mike Nalipinski's previous comments to the State regarding the use of EP Tox data for CERCLA sites. I find the SI report adequately fulfills the requirements for a MSCA SI, and I will enter this SI into CERCLIS as complete with a recommendation for further study. Do not respond to Mike's May 9, 1989 comments. No further work should be performed at this site for the MSCA.

Fitchburg Gas & Electric Fitchburg

MAD980520431

Based upon the SI reports for this site, as well as Simonds Cutting Tools (MAD019367176) and Sanitoy Inc. (MAD985272285), which are located on either side of Fitchburg G & E, there are no groundwater/surface water drinking water targets located within 3 miles of these sites. Therefore, they will not score above the 25.8 HRS cut-off for NPL eligibility. I have qualified Fitchburg G & E as a NFRAP site. No further work should be performed at this site under the MSCA. Do not address Mike Nalipinski's April 19, 1989 review comments. I will enter this as a completed SI in CERCLIS.

Lee Landfill, Town of Lee

MAD98052811

I agree with most of Mike Nalipinski's comments regarding this SI report. However, I do not feel that it is necessary to perform an additional sampling round in order for the SI report to be acceptable for the MSCA. I will enter this SI into CERCLIS as complete, with a recommendation for further study. Do not address Mike's April 28, 1989 comments. No further work should be performed at this site under the MSCA.

Elm Street Garage Inc. Mansfield

MAD040096174

I am in full agreement with Mike Nalipinski's review comments of May 5, 1989. The State will not be credited with a complete MSCA SI until the EPA review comments are fully addressed.

Digital Equipment Corp. Maynard

MAD001038066

The SI report raises several questions which need to be addressed. What is the RCRA status of the site? The report implies that DEC is a former RCRA TSDF which requested a change of status in 1983. Please make sure of the RCRA history of the site. If this site appears to be subject to RCRA Corrective Action, suspend further work on this SI, and notify me of the RCRA status immediately.

Assuming this site is not subject to RCRA Corrective Action, please clarify why the two nearby wells were taken out of service? Clarify which (? wells) surface water intakes are downstream of the site. If they actually are wells, then any wells within 4 miles may be potentially impacted by the site. I disagree with Mike's comment requiring analytical data less than 2 years old. However, any available and more current data, and certainly more current site information, should be incorporated into the revised SI report. Upon receipt of a revised SI report, I will re-evaluate this MSCA product for acceptance.

Interstate Uniform (Unifirst) Springfield MAD019414606

I concur with Mike Nalipinski's comments. Please revise the SI relative to the April 28, 1989 comments. Also, when clarifying the RCRA status/history of the site, consider whether the illegal disposal of Stoddard solvent onsite in 1981 might make Unifirst a former RCRA TSDF (possibly a disposal non-notifier?). Upon receipt of a revised SI report, I will re-evaluate this MSCA product for acceptance.

National Metal Finish Springfield MAD001122381

Clarify whether this is/was a RCRA generator or a RCRA facility (meaning TSDF). If this is a former RCRA TSDF, suspend further work on this SI, and notify me of this fact immediately. If this site is not subject to RCRA Corrective Action (not a former TSDF) then please address Mike Nalipinski's November 8, 1988 review comments. Upon receipt of a revised SI report, I will re-evaluate this MSCA product for acceptance.

Smith & Wesson Inc. Springfield MAD001114206

This is a former RCRA TSDF subject to RCRA Corrective Action. As such, it is not an appropriate site for a CERCLA (MSCA) SI. The State was notified of the NFRAP (RCRA Deferral) decision for this site via my April 9, 1990 letter to you. All work on this site under the MSCA should have been suspended at that time. I am unable to locate a copy of the EPA review comments for this SI at this time. However, as I have directed that no further MSCA work should be performed, the review comments should not be addressed. Submit the total hours charged to the MSCA for this site on the next Quarterly Report.

Smith & Wesson Academy Springfield MAD981069859

I concur with Mike Nalipinski's review comments of April 28, 1989. Please address these comments and resubmit the SI report. The revised SI report will be re-evaluated for MSCA product acceptance.

Sperry Research Center      Sudbury

MAD073809402

This site is a former RCRA TSDF subject to RCRA Corrective Action. The State was notified of the NFRAP decision (RCRA Deferral) for this site via my March 2, 1990 letter to you. All work on this site under the MSCA should have been suspended at that time. Do not address the May 10, 1989 EPA review comments for this SI. Please submit the total hours charged to the MSCA for this site on the next Quarterly Report.

Coronet Leather Finishing

Georgetown

MAD051797066

Clarify the RCRA history and current RCRA status of this site. Does the sludge constitute a RCRA hazardous waste? Since it has been "stored" onsite for years, does this imply that the company has been functioning as a RCRA TSDF? Please address these concerns before addressing Mike Nalipinski's May 9, 1989 review comments. If this site does appear to be subject to RCRA Corrective Action, suspend further work on the SI, and contact me immediately. Assuming this is not a RCRA site, upon receipt of the revised SI report, I will re-evaluate this MSCA product for acceptance.

Greendale Mall

Worcester

MAD985272335

I re-evaluated the SI for this site and submitted revised comments to the State on April 2, 1990. My comments superceded Mike Nalipinski's comments of January 13, 1989. This SI has been accepted, and entered into CERCLIS as complete. No further work on this site should be performed under the MSCA.

If you have any questions or comments, I may be reached at 573-9697.

Sincerely,



Nancy Smith  
MA Site Assessment Coordinator